

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 14, and 22 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 6, 14, and 22.

Attorney Docket Number

Applicants respectfully request that the Attorney Docket No. for this matter be changed from “03226.428001” as indicated on the cover sheet received with this Office Action to “03226/448001; SUN030086.”

Drawings

Applicants are submitting formal drawings contemporaneously with this response and respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the drawings as such in the next action.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0107891 (hereinafter “Leamon”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a method for providing client aware content aggregation and rendering in a portal server. Content is received from multiple channels, where the channels include rendering providers and non-rendering providers. Specifically, a non-

rendering provider is a provider of content that is already in a device-specific format, while a rendering provider is a provider of content that must first be rendered to the device-specific format (*see, e.g.*, the Specification as published, page 9, line 14 – page 10, line 8). The content from the multiple channels is aggregated using a first markup language. The aggregated content is then processed, using a rendering engine, to output the content in a second markup language tailored for a client device. The content in the second markup language is then outputted to the client device. Thus, content from rendering and non-rendering providers is outputted to the client device as aggregated content in a device-specific format.

Turning to the rejection of the claims, “[a] claim is anticipated only if *each and every element* as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference [emphasis added].” Further, “[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim” (*see* MPEP § 2131). Applicant respectfully asserts that Leamon does not expressly or inherently describe each and every element of independent claim 1.

Specifically, independent claim 1 recites, in part, “receiving content from a plurality of channels, the plurality of channels comprising both rendering providers and non-rendering providers” and “aggregating the content from the plurality of channels using an aggregator, the aggregator configured to process the content using a first markup language.” Applicant respectfully asserts that Leamon does not teach or suggest “receiving content from a plurality of channels, the plurality of channels comprising both rendering providers and non-rendering providers” and “aggregating the content from the plurality of channels.”

Specifically, the Examiner attempts to rely on Leamon, paragraphs [0019-0021] to describe rendering providers and non-rendering providers (*see* Office Action dated May 1,

2006, page 3). Leamon is admittedly directed to rendering content to be outputted to a client device. However, a thorough reading of Leamon, including the referenced paragraphs, reveals that in *all* cases, *all* content undergoes a rendering process. In fact, in Leamon, *all* content is obtained using a *standard* (*i.e.*, generic) markup language, and subsequently rendered to a markup language suitable for outputting to a client device (*see* Leamon, Fig. 2A and paragraph [0020]). In other words, in Leamon, *all* content is obtained from *rendering* providers. Thus, there is absolutely no concept in Leamon of the *non-rendering* providers specifically recited in the claims of the present invention. To equate the content providers of Leamon with the “rendering providers and non-rendering providers” of independent claim 1, the Examiner would effectively be required to read out an express limitation of the claim, which is wholly improper.

Moreover, even assuming *arguendo* that Leamon describes non-rendering providers, Leamon is completely silent with respect to aggregation of content from multiple channels. In fact, a thorough review of Leamon reveals that Leamon is completely silent with respect to *any* sort of aggregation whatsoever. The Examiner attempts to use Figs. 2, 4-7 and paragraphs [0019-0021] and [0025-0029] of Leamon to describe content aggregation (*see* Office Action dated May 1, 2006, page 3). However, while the rendering engine of Leamon is admittedly configured to render content from multiple sources, such as a proprietary application portal or a partner application (*see* Leamon, Fig. 2A and Fig. 4), Applicants assert that there is absolutely *no* indication *anywhere* in Leamon of the content being aggregated. To equate the simple rendering of Leamon with the specifically claimed aggregation limitation of independent claim 1, the Examiner would effectively be required to read out an express limitation of the claim, which is wholly improper.

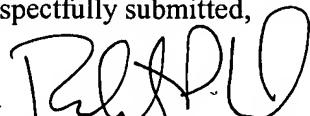
In view of the above remarks, Leamon clearly does not expressly or inherently describe each and every element of independent claim 1. Thus, independent claim 1 is patentable over Leamon for at least the reasons given above. Independent claims 6, 14, and 22 also include rendering providers, non-rendering providers, and content aggregation, and are therefore patentable over Leamon for at least the same reasons. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from independent claims 1, 6, 14, and 22, respectively, and are therefore patentable over Leamon for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 03226/448001).

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